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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 0811

E.O. 11652

TAGS: MILI, TS, TU

SUBJECT: PROPOSED OFFLOADING MAP CARGO FOR TURKEY
AT TUNIS

REF: COMSC MESSAGE 062051Z FEB75

1. REFTTEL APPEARS ASSUME THAT ALL NECESSARY CLEARANCES
HAVE BEEN OBTAINED TO PERMIT DISCHARGE O/A 12 FEB AT
PORT OF TUNIS OF 82 MT MAP GENERAL CARGO DESTINED FOR
TURKEY.

2. DISCHARGE OF SUCH CARGO HERE, HOWEVER, WOULD ALMOST
INEVITABLY RAISE DELICATE POLITICAL PROBLEM. OFFLOADING
COULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT APPROVAL GOT, AND
WE FRANKLY DOUBT THAT GOT WILL WILLINGLY AGREE. GOT
IS MOST UNLIKELY TO WANT TO PLACE ITSELF IN MIDDLE OF
WHAT IT WILL CERTAINLY VIEW AS PROBLEM BETWEEN U.S.
AND TURKEY, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ITS GOOD FRIENDS.

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3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE

SHOULD PUT TUNISIA INTO THIS POTENTIALLY AWKWARD SITUATION AND URGE THAT SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVE BE FOUND FOR OFFLOADING CARGO IN QUESTION. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT RPT NOT PROPOSE RAISING MATTER WITH TUNISIANS UNLESS INSTRUCTED DO SO BY DEPT.

4. WE NOTE FROM REFTTEL, INCIDENTALLY, THAT THERE APPEARS BE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE SUFFICIENT STORAGE SPACE UNDER USG CONTROL FOR CARGO IN QUESTION. AS DEPT AWARE, SUCH IS NOT RPT NOT THE CASE. EMBASSY HAS NO AREA THAT COULD RECEIVE AND STORE TONNAGE IN AMOUNT SPECIFIED (OR ANYTHING EVEN APPROXIMATING IT) EVEN IF OFFLOADING WERE APPROVED BY TUNISIANS. STORED MATERIAL WOULD THEREFORE BE UNDER CONTROL TUNISIANS. EVEN IN LATTER CASE, STORAGE FACILITIES HERE ARE AT THE MOMENT LIMITED.

5. IF THERE ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE, WE WILL OF COURSE RAISE MATTER WITH TUNISIANS. WE CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT TIME IS SHORT, AND A WEEK-END IS COMING UP DURING WHICH TUNISIANS ARE MOST UNLIKELY TO MAKE A DECISION ON AS TOUCHY A PROBLEM AS THIS. SEELYE

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